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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Wedneſday** November 1ſt. to **Friday** November 3d. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *BE pleaſed to Reſolve me who it was that appeared to* Joſhua, Joſ. Chap. 5. Ver. 13, 14, 15. *I believe it would be of great Inſtruction to the* Jews. *The Preamble of the* Chapter *Explains it to be an* Angel, *but* Joſhua *Worſhipped him, when the* Holy Scripture *forbids it: Moreover,* Joſhua *is order'd to looſe his Shoe, the Place being Holy, but in other Apparitions of* Angels *ſuch order is never given, only to* Moſes *in the* Burning Buſh, *where* God *was. I compare the ſaid* Chap. *to that of* Geneſis, 18. Ver. 1, *to* 19. *Where I conceive there is a Myſtery alſo, as in* Geneſis, Chap. 1. Ver. 26. *I ſhall not Explain here my Thoughts, but expect your more knowing Solution.*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. We know it is the Opinion of many Divines, that the Places here mentioned, bear a reference to the uncreated Angel, *viz.* the Eternal Son of God. But we think there is no neceſſity for a recourſe to ſuch dubious and myſtical Interpretations, if they are only framed to elude the Force of the *Papiſts* Argument for the Worſhipping of Angels, as we believe they are not for any other end. For let it be granted the *Papiſts*, that the Angels which we Read, *Abraham*, *Lot*, *Jacob* and *Joſhua* Worſhipped, were really created Angels, and what Concluſion can they draw from thence that ſhall favor their Doctrine? For thoſe Angels that are ſaid to have been Worſhipped, were not abſent but preſent. They then appeared in the Name of God as his Meſſengers or Repreſentatives of his Perſon, and under that Notion received the Homage that was paid to them. But is this any Argument that the ſame is due to them when abſent, unleſs they wou'd either aſcribe Omnipreſence or Omniſcience to them, which is to make them Gods? As for the Angel that appeared to *Joſhua*, it was probably the Archangel *Michael*, if we may judge by the Title that is given to him.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have Read your Anſwer concerning the Multiplicity of Wives in the* Moſaic *Oeconomy, which you Explain was not Lawful. But I don't Read that even Holy Men before the Law, as* Abraham, *nor after the Law as* David, *and others, were ever Check'd for that Sin, as they were for others, in many Inſtances: Nay, nor even the having Concubines, as* Abraham *before the Law and* Samſon, *and others after the Law. The Clearing of this may be of Inſtruction to them who delude themſelves by ſuch Examples. For I heard once a Gentleman (without his knowing of it) who would Debauch a Woman, bring all theſe Examples for Arguments to perſuade her,*

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Admirer and unknown, but moſt

Humble Servant, T. L.

A. The Scriptures not reprehending Polygamy in the Patriarchs is far from being an Argument of the Lawfulneſs of it in them. We do not find that *Lot* was reproved for his Inceſt: But will any one therefore inferr that this was no Sin in him. We can indeed by no means ſee how they can be wholly excuſed from the Violation of the Primitive Law given to Mankind concerning Marriage; only ſomething may be ſaid to alleviate their Crime. For of thoſe Holy Men, as particularly *Abraham* and *Jacob*, had the Conſent of their Lawful Wives for their Cohabiting with other Women; and others were drawn into it by the prevailing Ignorance and Corruptions of the Times. But that there was any Diſpenſation of this Crime is no where either expreſſed or imply'd: Tho' ſome have falſly concluded thus, from the Law given by *Moſes* concerning the Inheritances of Poligamiſts. To which we Anſwer, that there is a Law concerning the bringing the Hire of a Whore into the Lord's

House: But does this imply an Approbation of such Hire? There is a Law concerning the Election of a King of *Israel*, yet God was far from approving of the Desire of the People for any such Government. And for a full Answer to all other Trifling Objections, we say that the Seventh Commandment in the Decalogue is a direct, positive and indispensable Law against all Polygamy or Concubinage of what kind soever. Every one will acknowledg that that Prohibition affects the Man, as well as the Woman: And if so, then must every Husband be Guilty of Adultery, when he receives into the Covenant of Marriage, or into the Possession of his Bed, another Woman besides her to whom he first plighted his Faith, and gave the Power over his Body. We cannot better conclude this Point than in these Pathetical Words of *Isocrates*, "I cannot but greatly Condemn those, who "having entred upon a Married State, for their "whole Life, neglect afterwards to stand to the "Agreement; but giving a loose to their Pleasures, "injure their dearest Partners from whom they ex-"pect nothing but Kindness and Comfort. In "other Bargains they are wont to Practice Justice "and Honesty, and yet make no scruple to vio-"late the Nuptial Contract, which ought to be so "much more strictly observed, than all others, as "it is of more Sacred Obligation, and of nearer "and more Important concern.

Q. Gentlemen, *I freely confess to you, I am deep in Love, even over Shoes and Boots in Love, never Irish-Man was so smok'd in a Bog, as I am in this Quagmire of Love. The occasion of my Passion too, was so Odd, Whimsical, and out of the way, that to tell you the Truth, I fear I am Bewitch'd: They talk of Charms and Philters, I am sure I am Charm'd and Plaister'd, till I am in such a Filthy Condition, that I know not which way to Proceed or Retreat. To tell you therefore as a great* Secret, *which I know you will keep so well, that no Body, but all the World shall hear of it. The manner of my falling into this lamentable Condition was this. It was (alas, I may say) my great Misfortune to come to Town, in a Stage-Coach, with a Prodigious Fat, Old* Scotch-Woman, *she was almost by Ogles, with only two or three Stumps in her Head, and Hide as Black as my Hat: Her Breath and Effluviums from her Hide, fixt Constant in my Mind the Image of an* Otter. *Now, you will say, here was no danger of Creating such a Passion in me, and indeed there was not; but now comes the Fatal Error. You must know, we came to the* George-Inn, *in Southwark, where we both lay that Night, and my Chamber happen'd to be next hers, with a Crevise in the Wall all between; now, were I to be Hang'd for it, I never could help Peeping into the next Room, when the Woman was going to Bed; I saw her with some Impatience put off her Cloaths by degrees, till she came to her Smock, then after the manner of her Country Women, who are better House-wife's, than to wear out their own Linnen, when they pay for others, she pull'd that, and being, as I told you, extream Fat, in lifting it over her spacious Bum, broke out in such amazing Lustre, that the whole Room appear'd so illuminated with its Rays, that the Candle remained Invisible, while I like a* Pagan *Worshipping the* Sun, *fell down on my Knees, in Adoration to its Glory. Now,* Gentlemen, *let me beg your Advice under these most unhappy circumstances, and what Course I had best to steer: If I have her not, I am the most forlorn Wretch Breathing, and should I Marry her (which I believe not difficult, because I have a Plentiful Estate, and have Learn'd that she is a Poor Country Chandler) I say, if I Marry her, and cannot prevail with her, to go always with her Cloaths tuckt up above her Bum, I shall miss the Object of my Admiration, and so had as good be without her. Whatever your Counsel is, I am resolv'd to follow it.*

A. No wonder if after you had long Encounter'd a Dark and foul Night, in her Face, you shou'd be so agreeably surpriz'd at the Sight of an Orient Full Moon. But what necessity is there, that you shou'd be Eternally gazing on the Object of your Admiration? A retir'd Beauty keeps its Darts more pointed, whereas there may be danger of a Surfeit from an Inundation of Charms, always loading the Imagination. One wou'd think that only a *Kiss* at every turn, wou'd keep your Appetite keener, and give you a smarter Gust of Pleasure. Yet for all your finer Encomiums, on its Perfections, we perceive there is little difference in her Breath at both ends, nor any great preference in the soft Accent in her Fundamental Speech, saving that it may be more rare. We advise you however to make the most earnest Application to the Part Affected by you, shou'd it be sufficiently Swollen, Feed her with Cabbage and it will speak fast enough. The Quagmire was unluckily expected by you, and appears a little Portentous, from the similitude it bears, with your uncommon Beauty; however it must certainly be a most delicious Death, if on your close Imbraces, you shou'd chance to be stifled in the Crowd of Charms, which may at once Assault you, and as you Dye by *one*, so it is pity but your Obsequies shou'd be Celebrated on *another Dunghill*, with your Estate divided amongst Mourners, which will not be easily purchased on such an Occasion.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

APOLLO, *I'll tell ye,*
What lately befell me,
And I'm in much Pain,
'Twill hap so again;
Which doubtless will make me Stark Mad,
Except your Advice,
May come in a Trice,
And quickly relieve me,
From Matters which grieve me,
And thereby a Cure may be had.

A Wife *I have got*
(I wish I had not)
In Tongue very bold,
Which some call a Scold;
I mean she was so for a time:
And in ev'ry Place,
She wrought my Disgrace,
While Hen-peck't *I seem'd,*
And by all esteem'd
A Noddy to suffer that Crime.

For while I harangu'd her,
And ſometimes I bang'd her,
With Counſel adviſ'd her,
With Crabtree chaſtis'd her;
Which ſhe for ſome time did endure;
In Words grew more ſparing,
In Geſtures leſs daring,
My will ne'er denying,
Nor Orders defying,
'Till I was in hopes of a Cure.

But ah! my Vexation,
Finds Mult plication,
Grows greater and g eater,
Which mak s me to hate her;
For after this Trouble and Pother,
Tho' I've Cur'd her Tongue,
Woich ſo loudly rung
(That terrible Evil)
And drove out that Devil,
She now is poſſeſs'd by en tber.

For now ſhe is Dumb,
W'here e'er ſhe does come,
No Queſtion will Anſwer,
What e'er I advance, Sir,
But deep in the Sul'ens *appears;*
That ev'ry one thinks,
The Ma epert Minx,
Diſp ſi g m Rule,
Does count me a Fool,
So load me with Floutings and Jears.

APOLLO, *now ſay,*
What method or way,
I next ſhall go on,
Or I am undone,
And almoſt tyr'd out of my Life;
Or if I've no ground,
That ſuch may be found,
You wou'd not Adviſe,
As beſt to your Eyes,
I preſent to the Devil *my* Wife.

A. Sure never was known,
In Country or Town,
A Man made pre enſe,
But to Common Senſe,
So void of all Reaſon as you:
Her Tongue muſt not Walk,
And yet ſhe muſt Talk,
Be Dumb and yet ſpeak,
Was e'er ſuch a Freak,
Or any ſuch Whimſies purſue.

Before you adviſ'd her,
And alſo chaſtis'd her,
And while thus you ſtorm'd her,
It ſeems you reform'd her,
And made her juſt what you wou'd have her;
And now you have brought her,
To what you have wrought her,
She needs muſt Rehearſe,
Exact the Reverſe,
To all thoſe Inſtructions you gave her.

Since Speaking or Mute,
She can't pleaſe the Brute,
Nor by her complying,
Nor by her denyi g,
Which ſhew that his Brains are all Addle;
We hence do adviſe,
Your Threats ſhe'll diſpiſe,
And ev'ry way be,
To her own liking free,
As fitter for *Mounting* the *Saddle*.

Q. *No doubt*, APOLLO, *you have heard,*
(Since all around the Globe you've ſteer'd)
A Saying, which hath been of Old,
And is in ev'ry corner told;
And that, a Yorkſhire Way-bit is,
Now, what's th Original of this?

A. Tho' the vu'gar Sayings teach,
'Tis *Wee-bit*, is the proper Speech,
A *Yorkſhiriſme* and direct
Term of the *Northern Dialect*;
And is no other than a *Small Bit*,
As we more *Southern People* call it.
Yet many who with Travel tyr'd,
Have been be-lated and be-mir'd,
Have thought this *Way-Bit*, to be more,
Than all their Journey was before,
And therefore have Informer Curſt,
For not acquainting with the worſt.

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, Nov. 7th. Say, that according to their Advices from France, the French King is reſolved to Augment his Forces with 60000 Men, and act Offenſively both by Sea and Land the next Campaign, but theſe Projects are looked upon as impracticable; That whatever it be, 'tis certain that the States take timely Precautions to carry on the War even with greater Vigor than ever, and in order thereunto have reſolved to Recruit their Troops with all poſſible ſpeed; That to incourage the Officers, their High Mightineſſes have reſolved to preſent them with a Gratuity of 2400 Guilders for each Batallion, and 100 Guilders for each Troop of Horſe, beſides the uſual Sum allowed for Recruits; That they are pleaſed likewiſe, that for their

their further incouragement, they ſhall be Muſter'd Compleat, whatever number of Men they want, til'l the 25th of March next, when they are to Muſter their full Nnumber of Men and Horſes, upon pain of being immediately Caſhier'd; and 'tis not doubted but by theſe means theſe means all the Troops in their Service ſhall be in a Condition to take the Field by the beginning of April.

London, November the 3d.

On Wedneſday Night an Officer arrived here Expreſs from the Duke of Marlborough to Her Majeſty, with an Account that the Capitulation of Aire was Sign'd on Sunday laſt, and the Troops of the Allies put in Poſſeſſion of the Town and the Fort St Francois, the Garriſon was to March out on Tueſday laſt to be conducted to St. Omer.

Members choſen for the enſuing Parliament.

Beaumaris, *Henry Bertie*, Eſq.
Shire of *Bamf*, *Alex. Abercrombie* of *Glaſſaugh*, Eſq.
Shire of *Fife*, Lord *Lyon*,
Shire of *Forfair*, *John Carnegie* of *Boyſick*, Eſq.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, purſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Butts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing* in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to ſight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell Alley Goſwell ſtreet*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to ſight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon* in *Chelſea College*, aged 87 reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the Optick Nerves. A Gentlewoman, a Maid Servant, and three Juſtice Conſtables in *Goodman's-Fields*, Blind. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe* the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Fetter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-ſtreet*. *Mary Lathan*, at *Mr. Stiffe's Coffee Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane*. *Anne Lee*, at the Golden Keys Tavern in St. *Martin's Lane*, *Strand*. Mrs. *Gulley* near *Fiſhmonger's-Hall*, *Thames-Street*. Mr. *Hewlet* in *Maſon-head Alley*, *Southwark*. Mr. *Longbridge*, *Saffron Hill*. A Child of *J. Harris* at *Iſlington*, Blind at two years Old. Mrs. *Parſons*, in *Nixe's Key-Court* by *Bell Savage-Yard*, *Ludgate-Hill*. Mr. *Grimes*, at the Sign of *Sadocess* in *Church-ſtreet*, *Deptford*. Mr. *Collins* Daughter at the *Dolphin* and *Comb* on *London-bridge*. *Thomas Lamard*, in *Caſtle-alley* in the *Park*, *Southwark*. *William Miller*, in *Wheeler ſtreet*, *Seattle-fields*. *Joſeph Mash* at Mr. *Shaffear's* at *Higlton*. Mr. *Jones* Daughter, next Door to the 2 *Brewers* in *Monmouth-ſtreet*. NOTE, These with 223 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1705 by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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